### Rail Industry Spotlight

#### Digital Tools and Immersive Experience Technology

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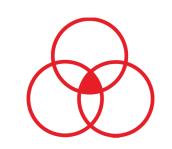




### Major projects face unique challenges









Budget and schedule overrun risk Managing multiple stakeholders and contractors Ensuring compliance and quality of work Positive contribution to communities and climate

**Digital solutions** enable **faster** and **better outcomes** through **centralized**, efficient access to accurate, timely information to align stakeholders and support decision making.

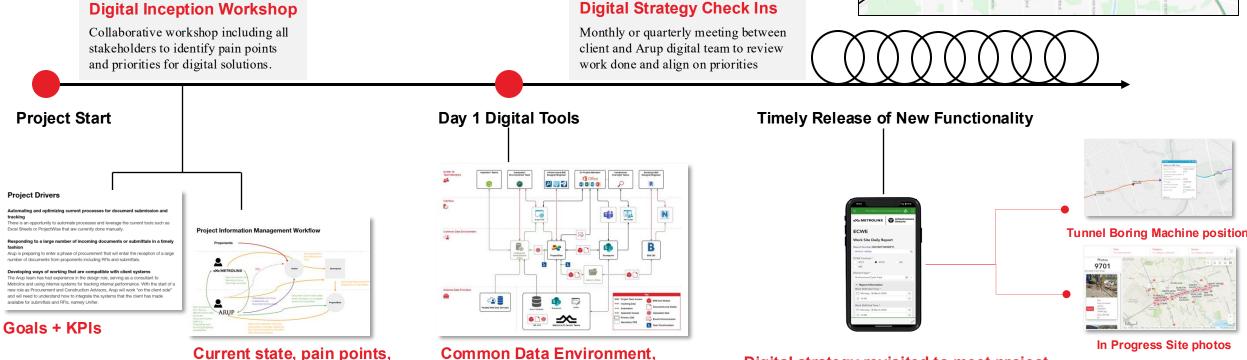
# Digital toolkit evolves over time

#### **Eglinton Crosstown West Extension**

and opportunities

- Extends Eglinton Crosstown LRT approx. 9.2km with 7 new stations.
- Arup serving as Technical Advisor including preliminary engineering, procurement support, and design and construction oversight.





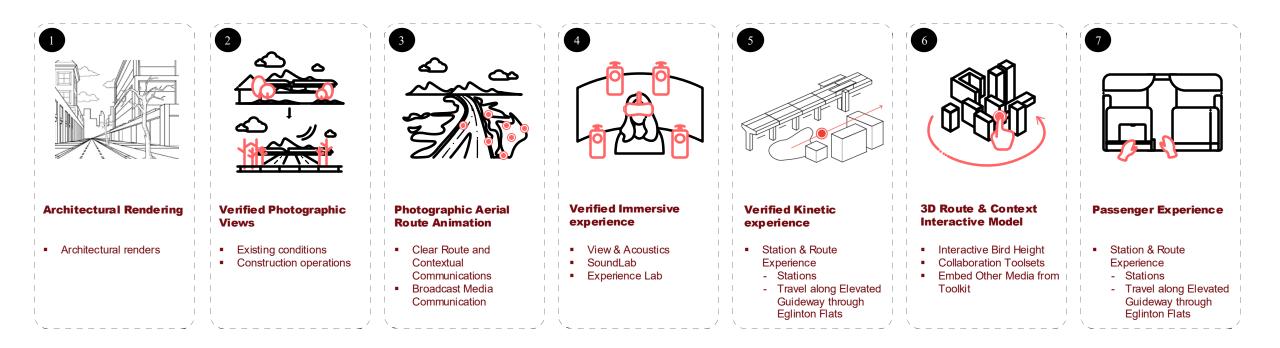
Common Data Environment, existing conditions, automations

Digital strategy revisited to meet project needs as new pain points are identified



### Immersive Experience technology

Supporting client and stakeholder engagement







# Community Engagement

#### Yonge North Subway Extension

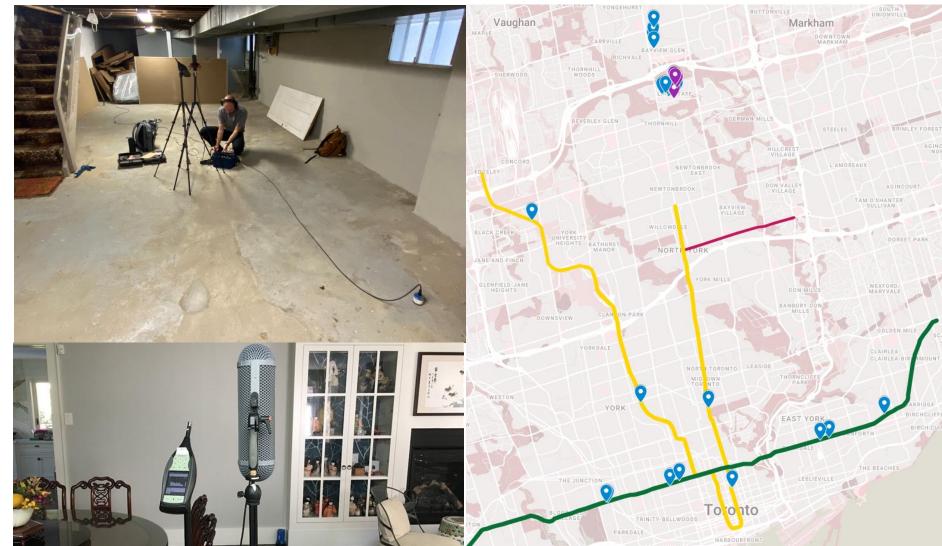
- Community engagement is critical to gain project support and minimize opposition
- Public was concerned about noise and vibration that subways operating beneath their homes may cause
- Providing advanced research and transparency was used to help educate public on actual impacts expected



### Community Engagement

#### **Data Driven and Informative**

- Arup collected extensive audio and vibration measurements at various locations across Toronto
- Enabled technical assessment of the actual impact from an operating subway at proposed locations





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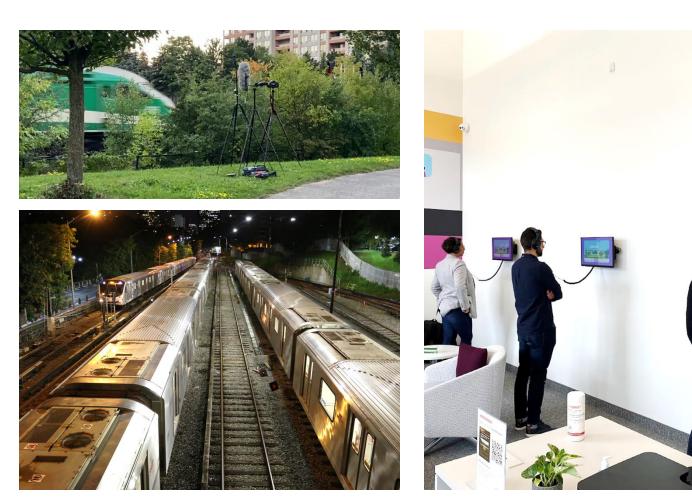
#### **Immersive and Informative**

- Collected data and analysis was then made accessible to the public
- Outreach centers enable concerned citizens an opportunity to experience what the future subway would feel like





Stereo camera, 360 field acoustic recording, and Leica Total Station for geo positioning



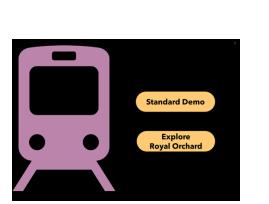


### Community Engagement

#### Interactive iPad demonstrations

- iPad demonstrations
- High quality headsets
- Multiple locations of interest











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# Community Engagement

#### Immersive audio experience - Texas HSR

- Education is the best method to ensure public and private buy-in.
- Outreach must reach public in a variety of formats, from executive board meetings to government agencies or public forums.
- Mobile Sound Labs for public meetings along corridor based on recordings in Japan and Texas











# Community Engagement

#### Full Immersive Experience for HS2 in London

- Advanced mobile sound and vibration labs
- Bringing it all together with a virtual train with vibration/motion platform integration
- Demonstrating the experience and ride quality to people inside with full immersion



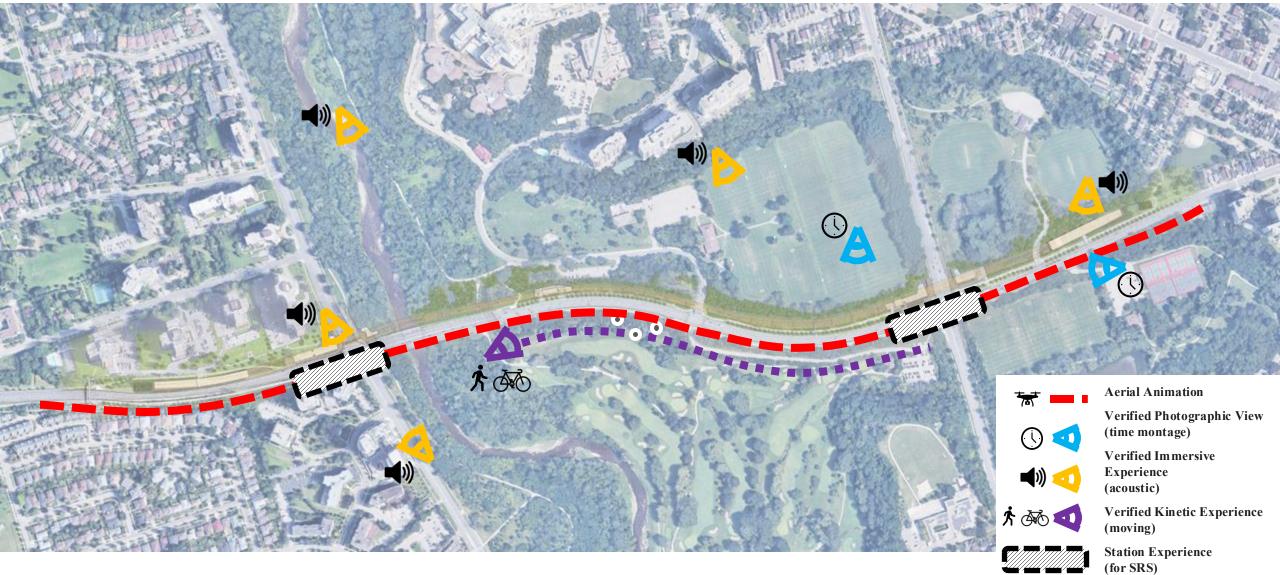






### **Immersive Experiences**

Eglinton Crosstown West Extension - Toronto





# **EXPERIENCE ECWE**

You are about to experience simulations of the Eglinton Crosstown West Extension over 4 timeframes: today, during construction, 5 years, and 30 years in the future.

These simulations were produced by acoustics and visualization professionals using data collected from existing rail lines. Pay attention and listen closely to the changes in landscape and soundscape.



"I have deep respect and appreciation for Arup as a firm...Really impressed with the acoustics work you are doing with us. Loved the SoundLab and want it to be central to our stakeholder engagement."

Phil Verster, Former President & Chief Executive Officer, Metrolinx.